

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the required force level of strategic airlift aircraft mandated by title 10, United States Code, and the administration's request to eliminate that requirement in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Christine H. Fox, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, United States Transportation Command, and General Raymond E. Johns, Jr., USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command, all of the Department of Defense.

UNAUTHORIZED CHARGES ON TELEPHONE BILLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unauthorized charges on telephone bills, focusing on why cramsters win and consumers lose, after receiving testimony from Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Chicago; Elliot Burg, Vermont Attorney General's Office, Montpelier; David Spofford, Xigo, LLC, Manassas, Virginia; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and Susan Eppley, Decatur, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 538, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment;

S. 899, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria, with an amendment;

S. 846, to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse;

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy;

S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee approved a proposed resolution relating to the Corps Study, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration.

TAX REFORM AND THE TAX TREATMENT OF DEBT AND EQUITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine tax reform and the tax treatment of debt and equity, after receiving testimony from Thomas Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Pamela F. Olson, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Victor Fleischer, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder; Mihir A. Desai, Harvard University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, Cambridge.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, William H. Moser, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Thomas M. Countryman, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, to be Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PREVENTING TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on preventing terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, and David Heyman, Assistant Secretary for Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Janice L. Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Violence Against Women Act," focusing on building on seventeen years of accomplishments, and what national data collection efforts are underway to address some information gaps, after receiving testimony from Eileen R. Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Michael Shaw, Waypoint

Services, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jane A. Van Buren, Women Helping Battered Women, Inc., Burlington, Vermont; Phillip C. McGraw, Los Angeles, California; and Julie Poner, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District

of Alaska, who were both introduced by Senators Begich and Murkowski, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, who was introduced by Senators Enzi and Barrasso, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, who was introduced by Senator Carper, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2508–2526; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 72 were introduced. **Pages H5017–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5019–20**

Report Filed: A report was filed on June 24, 2011 as follows:

First Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Small Business for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–146). **Page H5017**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ellmers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4949**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H4954–55**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4963**

Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2018, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to preserve the authority of each State to make determinations relating to the State's water quality standards, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 573.

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Rejected the McNerney motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 572.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in

the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Hanabusa amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that requires the Administrator of the EPA to submit to Congress, within one year and then annually thereafter, a report on any increase in waterborne pathogenic microorganisms (including protozoa, viruses, bacteria, and parasites), toxic chemicals, or toxic metals (such as lead and mercury) in waters regulated by a State under the provisions of H.R. 2018, including any amendments to the bill;

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Cohen amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that clarifies that nothing in the bill can limit the EPA Administrator's authority to regulate a pipeline that crosses a streambed; and

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Capito amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that requires the EPA to analyze the impact of certain covered actions on employment levels and economic activity and requires public notice and a hearing in those instances where a covered action has more than a de minimis impact on employment or economic activity in any given state (by a recorded vote of 268 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 566).

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Rejected:

Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 112–144) that sought to allow the EPA to continue to have the authority to set standards for NPDES Permit programs by striking section 2 (by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 565);

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